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**REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE AND
THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE CLUSTER COMMITTEE**

LC 21409

1. ITEM NUMBER **MC 75/11/18**

2. SUBJECT

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 21 TO
23 OCTOBER 2018 TO ATTEND THE GLOBAL PARLIAMENT OF
MAYORS (GPM) ANNUAL SUMMIT IN BRISTOL, UNITED KINGDOM**

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE BUITELANDSE REIS ONDERNEEM VAN 21
TOT 23 OKTOBER 2018 OM DIE JAARLIKSE BERAAD VAN DIE
WÊRELDPARLEMENT VAN BURGEMEESTERS (GPM) IN BRISTOL,
VERENIGDE KONINKRYK, BY TE WOON**

**INGXELO ENGOHAMBO KUMAZWE APHESHEYA EQHUTYWE
UKUSUSELA NGOWAMA-21 UKUYA KOWAMA-23 KWEYEDWARHA 2018
UKUZIMASA INKOMFA YONYAKA ENGEPALAMENTE
ENGOOSODOLOPHU BEHLABATHI JIKELELE (GPM) ESE-BRISTOL, E-
UNITED KINGDOM**

REF NO: K2071

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	GLOBAL PARLIAMENT OF MAYORS (GPM) ANNUAL SUMMIT
OTHER	N/A
DATE	21-23 OCTOBER 2018
VENUE	BRISTOL CITY HALL
CITY	BRISTOL
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM

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ATTENDEE DETAILS

NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Patricia de Lille	FORMER EXECUTIVE MAYOR
Denver van Schalkwyk	MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Marina Reyskens	APO: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY

GPM: The Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) hosted its third Annual Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom (UK), from 21 to 23 October 2018. This meeting was convened by the outgoing Chair of the Executive Committee, former Executive Mayor Patricia de Lille, as well as the members of the GPM.

The GPM is an international body of mayors that advocates for the right of cities to self-governance and to act collectively on critical issues impacting humankind. It is an idea that was spearheaded by the late Dr Benjamin Barber, a world renowned academic and activist for the role of and by cities. Currently it has more than 90 members representing all parts of the globe and Cape Town was officially registered as a GPM City Member in September 2017. This means that membership is automatically transferred from one mayor to the next upon succession. The GPM's Secretariat is based in The Hague, the Netherlands. The former Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille, held the position of Chair of the GPM Executive Committee from September 2017 to October 2018. The GPM is ultimately a governance body of, by and for mayors from all continents. It builds on the experience, expertise and leadership of mayors in addressing local challenges resulting from global problems. At the same time, it brings local knowledge to the table and thus participates actively in global strategy debates and underscores the need for practical, action-oriented solutions.

CITY OF BRISTOL: The host city, Bristol, is one of the UK's fastest growing cities, recognised as a world class centre of research and innovation. The city is often voted as among the best places to live in the UK. In 2017, Bristol's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was GBP88.448-billion and its per capita GDP was GBP46,000 – some 65% above the national average. It has been named by UNESCO as a Creative City of Film in 2017 and it is estimated that there are around 17,000 jobs in creative and digital industries in the city. Bristol is a diverse city and places emphasis on being a City of Sanctuary – welcoming asylum seekers. Also committed to being a carbon neutral city by 2050, Bristol has just surpassed its goal of 50% reduction in carbon emissions from its operations, delivering a 60% cut in 2016/2017. Lastly, aerospace has played a large role in Bristol's economic landscape for many years, with many of the world's major aviation players, such as Airbus, Boeing and Rolls-Royce, being based in Bristol.

4. OBJECTIVE

The GPM Annual Summit gathered more than 80 mayors and city network leaders from six continents to convene on the topics of migration, urban security and health, reflecting the pressing issues of the world. The outcome of the debates between mayors led to the Bristol Declaration of the 2018 Annual Summit of the GPM.

The Summit also included the Annual General Meeting of the GPM Executive Committee, which was convened by the outgoing Chair, former Executive Mayor Patricia de Lille, as well as the members of the GPM. Apart from various speaking roles during the Summit, the former Executive Mayor, as per the provisions of the GPM's Articles of Association, concluded her yearlong tenure by formally stepping down as Chair and handing over the position to her successor during the formal voting aspect of the Annual Summit.

The Summit was entitled "Empowered Cities – The Drivers of Change in Our Interdependent World". It focused on three key global challenges - namely, migration, urban security and public health. It also demonstrated how local action can support international and national policy, promote effective city-to-city cooperation on a global scale and advocate for cities to be formally represented in international frameworks.

Various plenary sessions took place throughout the Summit on the various thematic areas, with GPM enjoying collaboration with the various international bodies in attendance. Smaller, more focused and facilitated discussions between mayors and business leaders in breakout rooms also took place, on global industrial sectors such as technology and engineering, housing and transport, digital/high tech innovation, as well as low carbon and green technology. Other sessions during the Summit included interactive debates with leaders of global city networks, which focused on issues around governance, collaboration and shared goals. These aimed to identify new ways of supporting cities to ensure their voices are most effectively heard within international decision-making frameworks.

This was followed with a debate and vote on the Summit's formal Declaration and its content, setting actions for GPM in 2019. This Declaration was formulated on the basis of a consultative approach by the GPM, in conjunction with various coordinating experts and writers of position papers on the thematic areas.

As a member of the GPM, the City draws on successfully implemented policies and activities gleaned from its peers from around the globe regarding topical issues. Moreover, by being GPM members, cities are afforded an opportunity to have access to a global platform to leverage the collective political power of cities to move from cities and mayors just talking about issues to instead producing real solutions. This is especially important if one bears in mind that cities are increasingly being recognised as the catalysts for change. For example, global issues and challenges are increasingly being addresses at a local government level since nation states and international organisations are struggling to offer useful solutions. Additionally, membership enables cities to concentrate on issues and topics that other institutions may not always have been able to address resolutely or decisively. Instead, the GPM provides the opportunity to avoid mimicking or duplicating discussions in other international bodies. Likewise, the GPM willingly contributes to existing debates and inaugurates new ones if these can lead to meaningful change.

5. OUTCOMES

☐ - Partnership Agreement

- ☐ - Membership Agreement
- ☐ - Grants Agreement
- ☐ - Memorandum of Understanding
- ☐ - Statement of Intent
- ☒ - Other

The Summit's plenary sessions and debates led to a polling and subsequent voting session for all GPM members - who thereby also decided on the working/action plan of the GPM for 2019. The voting resolutions were based on the resolutions defined in the previously drafted position papers, which were prepared by the GPM Secretariat, in conjunction with city officers, experts and international networks such as the Strong Cities Network, UN-Habitat and Georgetown University. Leading up to the Summit, mayors from around the world had the opportunity to provide feedback on the resolutions, culminating in a parliamentary vote.

The outcome of this ultimately led to the Bristol Declaration. The majority of GPM members voted in favour of commitments and calls for national governments and international institutions to include and collaborate with city leaders. The Bristol Declaration states that "citizens of the world need global governance to evolve, seeing cities and international networks sit alongside national and international leaders as equal partners in shaping global policy." Cape Town was part of this Declaration and it is evident that cities have now shown that they sit alongside national and international leaders as equal partners in shaping global policy.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

- 6.1 Continue to build on the momentum of the 2018 GPM Annual Summit in order to honour pledges outlined in the Bristol Declaration.
- 6.2 Provide assistance and input with the preparations and planning of the 2019 Annual Summit (date and host city to be determined).
- 6.3 Continue to work with the GPM Secretariat and support its work, also by being involved in member meetings, teleconferences, etc. where needed, as well as provide input on GPM press releases and statements.
- 6.4 Continue to promote the GPM on the international stage and at various high-level events where Cape Town is present.
- 6.5 Follow up with UWC Maastricht contact when they are in Cape Town in November 2018, to explore possibilities of City-based universities linking with UWC Maastricht for exchange opportunities.
- 6.6 Meet with representatives from the British Council, when they are in Cape Town, in order to discuss the social and creative economies and explore possible avenues of collaboration in these areas.
- 6.7 Follow up with UN-Habitat (Nairobi) regarding their proposal to assist the City with housing opportunities.

- 6.8 Follow up with Richard Forster (Cities Today) with regards to an interview with the Executive Mayor in early 2019.
- 6.9 Follow up with Jonathan Andrews (Cities Today) pertaining to his proposal for the City to host the 2020 Cities Today Summit.

7. IMPLICATIONS

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| 7.1 | Constitutional and Policy Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.2 | Environmental implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.3 | Financial Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.4 | Legal Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.5 | Staff Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.6 | Risk Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended that:

- a) The feedback report on the trip from 21-23 OCTOBER 2018 be noted.

Daar word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Daar kennis geneem word van die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis van 21-23 Oktober 2018 .

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) Makuqwalalwe ingxlo engohambo olujoliswe ukususela ngowama-21 ukuya ngowama-23 KWEYEDWARHA 2018.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Three thematic focus areas:

The GPM Executive Committee selected the three session themes as strategic areas of focus on the basis of the following criteria:

- Global in scope;
- Local impact in all regions of the globe;
- Lack of formal mechanisms for mayors to provide input into international policies, and;
- Other city networks were not focused on these issues.

During the Summit, various plenary sessions, debates and discussions took place on the three thematic areas. One such City Solutions breakout session attended by the City officials was entitled "Digital/High-tech and Innovation Solutions". Here, Dr van Schalkwyk specifically highlighted how the City is making use of data and digital solutions to improve services – making reference to ECAMP, the Open Data Portal and the water leak detecting technology used by the City. The panellists, who consisted of various mayors and business experts, remarked at how interesting it was to hear from the City's experience and indeed some lessons learnt.

Other city platforms and networks from around the world also participated in the Summit, to ensure that the GPM clearly articulated the multiple voices commenting on city issues and helped amplify the messages emerging from other networks' programmes. Various high-level international organisations, including the C40 Climate Cities Leadership Group, ICLEI, 100 Resilient Cities, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the United Nations (UN), as well as various current and prospective international sister cities of Cape Town, were present at the Summit. This presented the ideal opportunity to actively engage with these individuals and organisations in order to showcase Cape Town on the international stage as a globally competitive business city as well as engage directly in engagements on the margins of the Summit. Various press and media opportunities were also available for all participants to engage in - such as a live broadcast on the BBC Sunday Politics West programme, detailing Cape Town's commitment to GPM and its specific city-challenges, most notably the water crisis.

Bristol Declaration:

More detail on the intended outcomes stemming from the Bristol Declaration as follows:

- Mayors leave with clarity on the key opportunity for GPM mayors to collaborate and influence international frameworks most effectively;
- Mayors are adequately prepared and informed to make intelligent decisions related to GPM proposed resolutions;
- The GPM Secretariat understands the priorities and interests of cities and mayors, and;

- The GPM has a demand signal to inform and direct their work in support of GPM Mayors.

Dr Benjamin Barber Global Cities Award:

The former Executive Mayor introduced the Dr Benjamin Barber Global Cities Award and briefly remarked on the inspirational legacy of the late Dr Barber. The Award commemorates outstanding action and/or research in relation to strong city leadership and was awarded on the basis of the recipient's contribution to advancing the values and principles set out by the GPM.

Empowering Cities:

To serve as background; in the last few years, the phenomenon of empowering/empowered cities has widely been advocated on the global stage. In response, a rare political consensus appears to be developing behind the idea of devolving more powers to cities, both to boost regional development and to compete globally with their peers and in some instances even countries as a whole.

Empowering cities increasingly realise that to counter the effects of phenomena such as rapid urbanisation they need to aggressively market themselves in order to attract investment to ultimately create employment opportunities with the support of the private sector. These empowered cities are also taking control and ownership of major projects related to housing, transport, and so forth that were traditionally spearheaded by regional and more likely national governments. Empowered cities also realise the value of operating in a unified manner.

Thus, a mindset change is required and the understanding should be inculcated that cities can, are and will increasingly operate independently from the other spheres of government in their attempts to ensure the betterment of all their citizens. To put it simply, countries, i.e. national governments cannot afford not to care about (empowered) cities because when these empowered cities thrive, countries will consequently also.

Annual General Meeting:

In her capacity for the final time as Chair of the GPM Executive Committee, the former Executive Mayor participated in the AGM. The AGM discussed the following, namely:

- Incoming and outgoing correspondence since September 2017;
- The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting;
- The Financial Report 2017/2018;
- Naming of the Executive Committee members;
- GPM policy documents (amendments or new ones);
- Honorary Membership, and;
- Budget 2018/2019, as well as the financial forecast.

Honorary Membership:



After stepping down as Chair, and along with former mayors Jozias van Aartsen and Ed Johnson, former Executive Mayor de Lille was appointed as an Honorary Member of the GPM.

10. ANNEXURES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

14/11/2018

DATE

COMMENT:

ACTIONS NOTED
AND TO BE FOLLOWED UP
REGULARLY.



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DATE *2018 -11- 15*

☐ REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

COMMENT:

For information

☒ SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO:

MAYCO ☒

RELEVANT SECTION 79 OR 80 COMMITTEE ☒

☐ NOT SUPPORTED


☐ REFERRED BACK

COMMENT:

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